THE HONOLULU REPUBLICAN.

HURRICANE DRIVES GULF SEAS OVER THE CITY OF GALVESTON disaster. Hundreds of residences along the tower crumbled and the upper part the beach front were hurriedly aban-slipped down into the water. No one

Awful Loss of Life Can Only be wind was rising constantly and rain fell ily only one is known to have been Estimated, but it Reaches Many Thousands.

Force of the Wind Wrecks the Most Substantial Buildings and Buries the Inmates -Bodies Dumped Into the Sea.

AUSTIN, Texas, Sept. 15 .- Governor Sayers received the following official report as to conditions in Galveston

GALVESTON, Texas, Sept. 14.—HON. JOS. D. SAYERS, Governor. - After the fullest possible investigation here we feel justified in saying to you and through you to the American people that no such disaster has ever overtaken any community or section in the history of our country. The loss of life is appalling and never will be the great majority of cases the streets. An ocean liner was swirled through the have accurately determined. It is estimated at 3,000 to 8,000 people. were submerged to a depth of ten feet. There is not a home in Galveston that has not been injured while To leave a house was to drown. To thousands have been destroyed. The property loss represents accumulations of sixty years and more millions than can be safely stated. Under these conditions with ten thousand people homeless and destitute, with the entire population under a stress and strain began to subside at 1:45 a. m. Within difficult to describe, we appeal in the hour of our great emergency two minutes they had gone down two to the sympathy and aid of mankind.

"WALTER JONES, Mayor.
"R. B. HAWLEY, Member Congress, Galveston District.

"McKIBBEN, Commander Dept. of Texas."

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 15. - The following telegram from Mayor Jones was received here today:

"GALVESTON, Texas, Sept. 14.-To The Associated Press, Memphis, Tenn.-I am in receipt of thousands of telegrams offering pest and the floods, they saw the most assistance and inquiring about absent friends and relatives. All of | horrible sight imaginable. In the three these have been promptly answered, but restricted communication has probably served to cause delay in transmission and delivery. The telegraph companies are doing all in their power to restore prompt communication with the outside world and have already partly succeeded and I am assured that within the next few days the dwellings, the great bathing estab- of the residents have to face absolute normal conditions with reference to telegraph communication will prevail. The situation in Galveston has been in most instances prevail. The situation in Galveston has been in most instances accurately reported and the distress of the people is great. Galvesand vicinity need at once the assistance of all the people. Remit- garles of the tempest. tances of money should be made to John Sealey, Treasurer Relief Committee, acknowledgment of which will be made in due course of time as promptly as conditions will permit.

"WALTER C. JONES, Mayor."

SITUATION IS RAPIDLY

GALVESTON Texas, Sept. 15 .- A resumed. more hopeful feeling is observable everywhere and the situation is brightening rapidly. State Health Officer Dr. Blunt believes that there is no danger of an epidemic from the conditions reof health adopted a resolution voicing the same views. Emergency hospitals have been established in every ward for the treatment of the sick and the business district and splendid wounded. The Ursuline convent has seen converted into a great general hospital for the more serious cases, with a full corps of physicians and trained nurses. All public and private their track in condition. hospitals are filled to their capacity. Medical supplies are still much needed

Banks and other branches of busines shave resumed. Others are actively preparing to resume. Preparations for rebuilding have been going on in the business part of the city.

Telegraph and railroad lines are being rapidly restored. Acting in conjunction with the other roads, the Santa Fe is bending every energy toward the building of a temporary structure across the bay for the running of their trains into Galveston and to the wharves, which will probably be ready for the loading of vessels before the first train arrives. The wharves themselves withstood the butfeding of the awful storm to a remarkable degree and as soon as the piles of debris are removed, ships will be able to load and unload with but little inconvenience.

Loss Will Exceed 6,000.

The interment and cremation of hu man bodies and carcasses of animals is being vigorously prosecuted. It is conservatively estimated now that the loss of human life will exceed 6,000. with half that number wounded

Of probably 1,000 living down the island, at least one-third were lost. There are 200 bodies on the beach between Mott place and the city limits. Eighteen people in this neighborhood got get in touch with the outside world and together and began burying the dead. They are out of provisions.

Bishop Gallagher of the Catholic dioclergy or of the sisters in the city of all necessary work after a period of dis-Galveston were lost. The only losses of sisters were the ten at the orphanage, down the island, heretofore re-

Daily papers and illustrated papers have been wild for photographs of the Galvestop disaster. The town is under military law and the people are not in a mood to brook photographers. Three who ventured out had their instruments smashed and themselves pressed into service burying dead bodies.

Excellent Progress Made.

So much progress has been made toward the rehabilitation of Galveston and so harmoniously are the various the tide was very high. The wind came block distant, the men who were carforces working that General McKibfrom the north and was in direct oppoforces working that General McKibfrom the north and was in direct opporying her having to hold her high
would be disastrous to take the water was
sition to the force from the gulf. While above their hands as the water was ben, who was ordered here to assist sition to the force from the guif. While above their heads as the water was the authorities as soon as the storm in the guif piled the water ave feet deep when she was moved, disaster hefell Galveston, has made ar upon the banch side of the city the

withdrawal of General McKibben is normal business conditions have been

veston were read with much interest. adherents. The various railroads ensulting from the storm. The city board tering here have determined to assist tent of their ability in rebuilding the

> Large gangs have been at work in progress made in clearing away debris. The street car company has a large force of men at work cutting wires, removing obstructions and putting

> Adjutant General McCaleb announced that by tonight the water supply will be equal to every need and to perform the functions of modern sanitation.

The British steamer Iduna, in coming to quarantine, fouled an obstruction in the jetty channel and sustained slight injuries. It is supposed to be a mine casing carried into the channel when the torpedo station was de-

As Galveston is still a deep water port, the harbor work will have to be repaired and the fortification rebuilt. This work will undoubtedly furnish employment for many of the people.

STORY OF THE DISASTER.

Detailed Narative of Awful Calamity in Galveston.

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 10 .- Richard Spillane, a well known Galveston newspaper man and day correspondent of the Associated Press in that city, who reached Houston today after a terrible experience, gives the following account of the disaster at Galveston:

One of the most awful tragedies of modern times has visited Galveston. The city is in ruins and the dead will robably number 1,000. I am just from the city, having been commissioned by the mayor and citizens' committee to appeal for help. When I left Galveston. shortly before noon yesterday, the people were organizing for the removal cese states that no member of the of the dead, distribution of food and

City a Raging Sea.

aster.

The wreck of Galveston was brought words can adequately describe its inbureau records show that the wind attained a velocity of 84 miles an hour, when the instrument blew away, so it ton Exchange, was knocked sea is impossible to tell what was the when his house collaps

bay onto the bay part of the city. doned the families fleeing to dwellings in the house was burt. in higher portions of the city. Every Of the Lavine family six out of seven that the rain cut like a knife.

The Waters Met.

city was submerged. The flooding of able. the electric light plant and the gas plant left the city in darkness. To go out into the streets was to court death. The wind was then at cyclonic velocity, roofs, cisterns, portions of buildings, telegraph poles and walls were falling. and the noise of the wind and the crashing of the buildings was terrific in the extreme. The wind and waters rose steadily from dark until 1:45 Sunday morning.

Night of Agony.

During all this time the people of Galveston were like rats in a trap. The highest portion of the city was wreckage. Such a night of agony has seldom been equalled.

Without apparent reason the waters feet, and before daylight the streets were practically freed of the flood of waters. In the meantime the wind had veered to the southeast,

Horrible Sights.

Very few, if any, buildings escaped injury. There is hardly a habitable dry house in the city. When the people who had escaped death went out at piers. The tug Louis, of the Houston daylight to view the work of the tem- Direct Navigation Company, is also a blocks from avenue N to avenue P, in dead and wounded and the missing, stripped of every vestige of habitation, the city is wiped out and that one-half lishments, the Olympia and every struc- poverty. ture having been either carried out to

The first burried glance over the city showed that the largest structures, suprangements to leave for Houston. The like a house of cards. How many dead is a complete ruin. The office of the children and refugees are in the ruins Texas City company is also a complete taken to mean that little is to be done | could not be ascertained. Of the sick ruin. Nothing seems left of the wharfs here but to care for the distressed until in St. Mary's Infirmary, together with except the piling. The wreckage from the attendants, only eight are under- Calveston litters the shore for miles Associated Press dispatches quoting Women's Home on Rosenberg avenue For ten miles inland from the shore eastern financiers on the future of Gal- collapsed. The Rosenberg school house it is a common sight to see small craft is a mass of wreckage. The Ball such as steam launches, schooners and The idea, however, that the status of school is but an empty shell, crushed oyster sloops. the city will be changed finds no local and broken. Every church in town. the citizens of Galveston to the full ex- soldiers are reported dead, they having Moses bayou lies high and dry five them no protection against the tempest

or the flood. Another Probable Horror.

No report has been received from the Catholic Orphan Asylum down the is- WORK OF BURYING THE land, but it seems impossible that it! could have withstood the hurricane. If it fell, all the inmates were without doubt lost, for there was no aid within a mile

The bay front from end to end is ruins. Nothing but piling and the wreck of great wharfs remain. Elevators lost all their upper works and City. I saw Captain Haines yesterday and he told me that his wife and one of his crew were drowned.

The shore at Texas City contains enough wreckage to rebuild a city. Eight persons who were swept across the bay during the storm were picked dead. up there alive. There were three fa talities in Texas City.

Cemeteries Washed Out.

In addition to the living and the dead which the storm cast up at Texas City. cackets and coffins from one of the cemeteries in Galveston were being In the business portion of the city two large brick buildings, one occupied by ton Exchange saloon, collapsed. In the Cotton Exchange saloon there were about fifteen persons. Most of them es-

The oil mills, the bagging factory. and unless fast progress is made in burying corpses and carcames of ani-mals, there is danger of a pestilence.

north wind piled the water from the falling and inmates escaping. Clarence About noon it became evident that une, had his family and the children the city was going to be visited with of two neighbors in his house when

bome was opened to the refugees. The are reported dead. Of the Burnett famin torrents. The wind was so fierce saved. The family of Standley G. Spencer, who met death in the Coffon Exchange saloon, is reported to be dead. The Mistrot house, in the west end, was By 3 o'clock the waters of the gulf turned into a hospital. All of the reguand bay met, and by dark the entire lar hospitals of the city were unavail-

Southern Pacific's Loss.

Of the new Southern Pacific work little remains but the piling. Half a million feet of lumber was carried away, and Engineer Hoschke says that as far as the company is concerned it might as well start over again. Eight ocean steamers were torn from

their moorings and stranded in the bay. The Kendall Castle was carried over the flats from the Thirty-third street wharf to Texas City, and lies in the wreckage of the Inman pier. The Norwegian steamer Gyller is stranded between Texas City and Virginia Point. west bay, crashing through the bay bridges and is now lying in shoal remain was to court death in the water near the wreckage of the railroad bridges. The steamer Taupton was carried across Pelican Point and is stranded about ten miles up the east bay. The Mallory steamer Alamo was torn from her wharf and crashed upon Pelican flats and upon the bow of the British steamer Reed Cross, which had previously been hurled there. The stern of the Alamo is stove in and the bow of the Red Cross is crushed.

Down the channel toward the jettles two other ocean steamers lie grounded Some schooners, barges and small craft are strewn bottom side up along the

It will take a week to tabulate the Tremont street, I saw eight bodies, and get anything near an approximate Four corpses were in one yard. The idea of the money loss. It is safe to aswhole beach front of three blocks was sume that one-half of the property of

The Ruin at Texas City.

At Texas City three of the residents were drowned. One man stepped into a well by a mischance and his corpse was found there. Two other men ventured along the bay front during the posed to be the most substantially height of the storm and were killed. built, suffered the most. The Orphans' There are few buildings at Texas City Home, Twenty-first and avenue M, fell that do not tell of the storm. The hotel stood to have been saved. The Old and is a hundred yards or more wide

The life-boat of the life-saving stawith possibly one or two exceptions, is tion was carried half a mile inland, in ruins. At the forts nearly all the while a vessel that was anchored in been in temporary quarters which gave miles up from Lamarque. The Galveston News asked to have it announced that all the members of its staff are safe.

DEAD IS ENORMOUS.

Galveston, Texas, Sept. 11.-Mayor Walter C. Jones estimates the number of dead at 5000, and he is conservative. Over 2000 bodies have already been taken out to sea or buried in trenches. their stocks are damaged by water. The Other hundreds are yet to be taken life-saving station at Fort Point was from the ruins. These bodies are now carried away, the crew being swept all badly decomposed, and are being across the bay, fourteen miles, to Texas buried in trenches where they are found. Others are being burned in the

debris where it can be done with safety. There is little attempt at identification, and it is eafe to say that there will never be a complete list of the

The chief of police is in charge of the work of burying the dead. There are large bodies of men engaged in this work. Some of those whose bodies are being taken out were probably injured when they were first stricken down, but there was no getting relief fished out of the water there yesterday. to them and they perished miserably. The remnant of the force of regular soldiers who were stationed here, and Knapp Bros. and the other by the Cot- it is a very small remnant, have joined the police in patrolling the city. Several persons have already been shot, it is reported. A soldier of Captain Rafferty's battery, while patrolling the the gas works, the electric light works, beach this morning, ordered a man to and nearly all the industrial establish- desist from looting. The fellow draw ments of the city, are either wrecked a weapon and the soldier shot him dead. The soldier was attacked by four about an inch deep over the whole city, other men, and he killed all of them. He had five cartridges in his rifle and each of them found a victim. Other men have also been shot, but the de-Some of the stories of escapes are number be ascertained. It is probable miraculous. William Nisbett, a cotton that thirty-five were killed. Some of man, was buried in the ruins of the them were killed for failing to halt when ordered to do so, others were

shot for vandalism The rules of the brick buildings have not yet been searched for the dead, and and, but was re- there is a large number in them. In vived by the water and was certied the mass of rubbish which marks the ten blocks by the burricane. A women site of Lucos Terrace Bridge House, day morning. Previous to that a great | who had just given birth to a child was forty or fifty people were killed and storm had been raging in the gulf and carried from her home to a house a their bodies are buried in the ruins.

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LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

Maintains That Chief Issue is Financial Question.

WILL BE A CAMPAIGN TEXT BOOK

RECORD OF HIS ADMINISTRA TION SET BEFORE THE COUNTRY.

Begarding the Cry of Imperialism He Says the American Question is Between Duty

and Desertion.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 .- William McKinley's letter accepting the repuslican nomination for the presidency, which was made public tonight, will be the political text book of the republicans in the present campaign. Placing the monetary issue first, the president shows that the financial and industrial interests of the United States would be as much endangered by the election of Bryan this year as they would have been had he been elected in 1896. Mr McKinley reviews with satisfaction the record of the republican party during the last four years and then takes up the issue of "imperialism," which the democrats have declared to be paramount. His answer to the democracic charges is a review of the action of the administration and congress regarding Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines concluding with the declaration:

"The American question is between duty and desertion. The American verdict will be for duty and against desertion-for the republic against both anarchy and imperialism."

Following is the substance of the

Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C. September 8. To the Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge

Chairman of Notification Commit-

My Dear Sir: The nomination of the republican national convention of June 19, 1900, for the office of president of the United States which as the official representatives of the convention you have conveyed to me, is accepted. I have carefully examined the platform

adopted and give to it my hearty approval. Upon the great issue of the last national election it is clear. It upholds the gold standard and indorses the legislation of the present congress by which that standard has been officially strengthened. The stability of our national currency is therefore secure so long as those who adhere to the platform are kept in control of the government. Our antagonists, how-

ever, are not satisfied. They compel us to a second hattle upon the same lines on which the first was fought and won. While regretting the reopening of this question, which can only disturb the present satisfactory financial condition of the government and visit uncertainty upon our great business enterprise, we accept the issue and again invite the sound money forces to join in winning another, and, we hope, a permanent triumph for an

honest financial system, which will continue inviolable in the public faith. Our industrial and agricultural conditions are more promising than they have been for many years; probably more so than they have ever been. Prosperity abounds everywhere throughout the republic.

Unless something unforeseen occurs to reduce our revenues or increase our expenditures, the congress at its next session should reduce taxation very materially.

In the unfortunate contest between Great Britain and the Boer states of South Africa the United States has maintained an attitude of neutrality in accordance with its well known traditional policy.

Need of Micaragus Canal.

A subject of immediate importance to our country is the completion of a great waterway of commerce between the Atlantic and Pacific. The construction of a maritime canal is now more than ever indispensable to that intimate and ready communication between our eastern and western seaports demanded by the annexation of the Hawaiian islands and the expansion of our influence and trade in the Pacfic. Our national policy more imperatively than ever calls for its completion and control by this government, and it is believed that the next ession of congress, after receiving the full report of the commission appointed under the act approved March 3, 1899, will make provisions for the sure accomplishment of this great work. Combinations of capital which control the market in commodities necessary to the general use of the people by suppressing natural and ordinary ompetition thus enhancing prices to the general consumer, are obnoxious to the common law and the public welfare. They are dangerous conspiracles against the public good and should be made the subject for prohibitory or penal legislation

satisfactory to American workmen changes of the present industrial or and an increasing foreign market for —

American products employment should

the present gold standard, the workingman is secured against payments for his labor in a depreciated cur-

Cuba and Porto Rico.

We have been in possession of Cuba

since January 1, 1900. We have restored order and established domestic tranquility. We have fed the starving. clothed the naked and ministered to the sick. We have improved the sanitary condition of the island. We have stimulated industry, introduced public education and taken a full and comprehensive enumeration of the inhabitants. Our military establishment has been reduced from 43,000 soldiers to less than 6,000. An election has been ordered to be held on the 15th of September under a fair election law already tried in the municipal elections to choose members of a constitutional convention, and the convention by the same order is to assemble on the first Monday of November to frame a constitution upon which an independent government for the island will rest. All this is a long step in the fulfillment of our sacred guarantees to the people

We hold Porto Rico by the same title is the Philippines. The treaty of peace which ceded us the one conveyed to us the other. Congress has given to this habitants participate, elect their own gislature, enact their own local laws, provide their own system of taxation and in these respects have the same power and privileges enjoyed by other territories belonging to the United States and a much larger measure 5f inhabitants of Louisiana under Jefferson. A district court of the United States for Porto Rico has been established and local courts have been inaugurated, all of which are in opera-

The Philippines.

For the sake of full and intelligent understanding of the Philippine question and to give to the public authentic information of the acts and aims of the administration. I present at some length the events of importance leading up to the present situation. The purposes of the executive are best revealed and can best be judged by what he has done and is doing.

In order to facilitate the most humane, pacific and effective extension of authority throughout these islands pulled his gun as the men came on the appointed in January 1899 Gould Schurmann of New York, Admiral Dewey, U. S. N.; Charles Denby of Indiana, Professor Dean C. Worcester of Michigan and Major General Elwell E. Otis, U. S. A.

After the most thorough study of the peoples of the archipelago the commission reported among other things:

"Their lack of education and political and linguist diversities, disquality them in spite of their mental gifts and domestic virtues to undertake the governing of the archipelago at the present time. Should our power by any fatallty be withdrawn, the commission believes that the government of the Philippines would speedily lapse into anarchy, which would excuse if it did not necessitate the intervention of other powers and the eventual division of the islands among them. Only through American occupation, therefore, is the idea of a free, self-governing and united Philipprne common-

wealth at all conceivable." . In March, 1900, I appointed the following civil commission: The Hon. William Taft of Ohio, Professor Dean C. Worcester of Michigan, Hon Luke I. Wright of Tennessee, Henry C. Ide of Vermont and Hon. Bernard Moses of

Report of Civil Commissioners.

This commimssion, under date of August 21, 1900, makes an interesting report, from which I quote the following extracts:

"Hostlilty against Americans originally aroused by absurd falsehoods of unscrupulous leaders. The distribution of troops in 300 posts has by contact largely dispelled hostilities and steadily improved the temper of the people. Nearly all of the prominent generals and politicians of the insurrection except Aguinaldo have since been captured or have surrendered and taken the oath of allegiance." . .

They report that there are "calls from all parts of the island for public schools, school supplies and English teachers, greater than the commission can provide, until a comprehensive school system is organized. Night schools for teaching English to adults are being established in response to popular demand. Native children and, concluding, said: This venerable, show aptitude in learning English. Spanish is spoken by a small fraction of people and in a few years the medium of communication in the courts, public offices and between tribes will be English. Creation of central government within eighteen months, under which substantially all rights described in the bill of rights in the federal constitution are to be secured to der in the first degree, manslaughter the people of the Philippines, will or assault and battery. By analogy, bring to them contentment, prosperity, education and political enlighten-

This shows to my countrymen what has been and what is being done to bring the benefits of liberty and good government to these wards of the na-

came within our control by the fortunes of war? Could we have come and the conclusion of peace without a stain upon our good name? Could we

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CAPTAIN SPENCER IS PROMPTLY DISCHARGED

Laysan Island Shooting Case Thrown Out of Court.

JURY WOULD EVER CONVICT

SO HELD JUDGE WILCOX IN HIS FINAL DECISION IN THE CASE.

Order of Discharge is Heartily Applauded-The Old Captain Receives Congratulations-Japanese are Sullen.

Captain Spencer is a free man. After a careful investigation and after listening to the arguments of counsel, Magistrate Wilcox of the district court decided that it would be impossible to find a jury that would convict the canisland a government in which the in- fain of any crime in connection with the Laysan island shooting, and therefore discharged the aged sea captain.

The argument began at 1:30 o'clock resterday, Mr. Kinney opening. Mr. Kinney demanded a dismissal of the charge from the very beginning. and he made a rather extensive and self-government than was given to the able argument. It is not necessary, he said, that a man must be in actual danger when he shoots another. A man in an alley-way may suddenly draw a pistol on a man in sport, and if he is killed, guilt does not lie with the man who shoots. A man may shoot a burglar and be exonerated, yet be in no wise imperiled. If Captain Spencer believed that he was in danger he had the right to shoot. It was not even what he believed, but what he had a right to believe that counts.

Mr. Kinney said it was an express condition of the contract that the men should be entitled to rice only when they worked. If the men had been hungry, even which they were not, he would have had a legal right to refuse them until they did go to work. By the evidence of all the Japs, Spencer platform. He had warned them that only those whom he invited, three or four, shou d come on the platform. He did not shoot until other men got on the platform. All men understand the magic of a loaded revolver. Even the untutored and barbarous tribes of Africa respect a loaded gun. A man who moves in the face of one knows what to expect. Only a few were invited to the platform; before the shooting began nine, ten or twelve had mounted the platform. What do men mean that force their way in the face of a loaded

revolver? You know what they mean. I know the prosecution will claim that a man should retreat before going to extreme measures. Yes, but only when he can do so with safety. This man had his wife to think of as well as himself and the interests intrusted to him. Had he retreated those forty Japs would have run the captain down and probably no white man would have been left to tell the

Another Jap, continued Kinney, testified that the white man pointed his revolver at four or five and then more men got on the platform. When the shooting occurred the witness was on the way up the platform and said that then some of the men were on the platform and some on the ground. When a man goes up against a loaded revolver he is out for blood.

Another Japanese testified that it was asked why only four or five could come and some one said all could come. "Boss said, 'You come and I will shoot." This witness said one-third went on the platform; he said there was a commotion and outery of a large number of men-"all yelled at once." These men got there between the drawing of the pistol and the

shooting. Spillner robbed Spencer of the confidence of the Japs. He poisoned them against him, said Mr. Kinney, adding, dramatically: Against such a snake in the grass what could be do? Before God, Spillner is the murderer of those men on Laysan island. He may be free from the law of that crime but morally and before God he is guilfy

of murder. Mr. Chillingworth followed in short review of Captain Spencer's character, said he would have been murdered had he not done as he did, gray-haired man is not here pleading for mercy, but for justice. He ought to be allowed to leave here a free man, absolved of all crime.

High Sheriff Brown spoke for the prosecution in a frank, fair manner and without bitterness. He said that under section 45 of the act of 1898 a fury could, in a murder case, find murhe thought, a district magistrate could do what a fury might do-that he

could commit for a lesser offense. The judge had failed to find any warrant in law for such a course. The high sheriff contended that the

greater included the lesser crime. "That b ing so, why was it necessary in 18 8 to pass a law for assault and batter ??" asked the judge.

This brought Attorney General Dole to his feet with a contention that the manslaugh ter.

The Judge-My duty is to find upon

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